

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 4, 9, and 13, and AMEND claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 14 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic mail device comprising:
a mail accepting unit accepting an input of an electronic mail as a processing object;
a keyword extraction unit obtaining a keyword from the electronic mail;
a search unit searching for additional information corresponding to the keyword from an additional candidate storage unit stored with candidates for the additional information to the mail, ~~etc. previously processed in the past; and~~
an additional information selection unit accepting, in a case where the search unit has searched out plural pieces of additional information, a selection, from a list of the plural pieces of additional information, of the information added, wherein the list has been sorted on a basis of a history of mails previously transmitted or received; and
an adding unit adding the searched additional information to the electronic mail as the processing object.

2. (ORIGINAL) An electronic mail device according to claim 1, wherein the keyword extraction unit extracts, as a keyword, information about an existing area of a sender or about a pre-registered recipient.

3. (ORIGINAL) An electronic mail device according to claim 1, wherein the keyword extraction unit extracts, as a keyword, a date and time recorded in relative time since a date and time of transmission, an absolute date and time obtained from the present date and time, or the present date and time.

4. (CANCELLED)

5. (ORIGINAL) An electronic mail device according to any one of claims 1 through 4, wherein when receiving the electronic mail from a source terminal and transmitting the mail to a destination terminal, the additional information is added to the electronic mail.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium recorded with an information adding program for an electronic mail, for making a computer execute ~~steps of~~:

accepting an input of an electronic mail as a processing object;

obtaining a keyword from the electronic mail;

searching for additional information corresponding to the keyword from an additional candidate storage unit stored with candidates for the additional information to the mail, ~~etc.~~
previously processed in the past; and

accepting, in a case of having searched out plural pieces of additional information in the step of searching for the additional information, a selection, from a list of the plural pieces of additional information, of the information added, wherein the list has been sorted on a basis of a history of mails previously transmitted or received; and

adding the searched additional information to the electronic mail as the processing object.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium recorded with an information adding program for an electronic mail according to claim 6, wherein the ~~step of~~ obtaining the keyword involves extracting, as a keyword, information about an existing area of a sender or about a pre-registered recipient.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium recorded with an information adding program for an electronic mail according to claim 6, wherein the ~~step of~~ obtaining the keyword involves extracting, as a keyword, a date and time recorded in relative time since a date and time of transmission, an absolute date and time obtained from the present date and time, or the present date and time.

9. (CANCELLED)

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information adding method for an electronic mail, by which an electronic mail device executes ~~steps of~~:

accepting an input of an electronic mail as a processing object;

obtaining a keyword from the electronic mail;

searching for additional information corresponding to the keyword from an additional candidate storage unit stored with candidates for the additional information to the mail, ~~etc.~~
processed in the past; and

accepting, in a case of having searched out plural pieces of additional information in the

searching for the additional information, a selection, from a list of the plural pieces of the additional information, of the information added, wherein the list has been sorted on a basis of a history of mails previously transmitted or received; and

adding the searched additional information to the electronic mail as the processing object.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information adding method for an electronic mail according to claim 10, wherein the ~~step of~~ obtaining the keyword involves extracting, as a keyword, information about an existing area of a sender or about a pre-registered recipient.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information adding method for an electronic mail according to claim 10, wherein the ~~step of~~ obtaining the keyword involves extracting, as a keyword, a date and time recorded in relative time since a date and time of transmission, an absolute date and time obtained from the present date and time, or the present date and time.

13. (CANCELLED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information adding program for an electronic mail, for making a computer execute ~~steps of~~:

accepting an input of an electronic mail as a processing object;

obtaining a keyword from the electronic mail;

searching for additional information corresponding to the keyword from an additional candidate storage unit stored with candidates for the additional information to the mail, etc. processed in the past; ~~and~~

accepting, in a case of having searched out plural pieces of additional information in the searching for the additional information, a selection, of the information added, from a list of the plural pieces of additional information, wherein the list has been sorted on a basis of a history of mails previously transmitted or received; and

adding the searched additional information to the electronic mail as the processing object.